

## **Mark C. Curran Jr. Sheriff**

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## **Sheriff's Deputy Utilizes CIT Training with Armed, Suicidal Man**

On June 9, 2017, at approximately 6:55PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 42100 block of North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Unincorporated Antioch, for a report of a man attempting suicide with a knife.

Lake County Sheriff's Deputies arrived and found the 52 year-old man in the garage of his residence, in crisis. The man was still armed with a knife. Deputy James Yanecek, a member of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), began communicating with the man. Deputy Yanecek spoke at length with the man, who eventually put the knife down. Following the conversation with Deputy Yanecek, the man willingly walked to a waiting nearby ambulance, and was transported to a local hospital for his injuries and a mental health evaluation.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "Initially this was an extremely unstable situation which could have ended much differently if it weren't for the patience and empathy exhibited by our deputies. I'm very grateful for the successful outcome of this incident. This is yet another illustration of the importance of CIT training and another example of why we're making CIT training a priority."

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